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ADOLESCENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Adolescent Education Programme (AEP) and its salient features;
- (b) the names of the States/Union Territories which are not implementing the AEP;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of the AEP;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the review; and
- (e) the provisions made for arranging classes for boys and girls separately and by same genders for the AEP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SH. M.A.A.FATMI)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has launched an educational programme, known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) meant for secondary and higher secondary classes with the objective to empower the adolescent population to make informed choices and develop life skills for addressing psychological, social and health concerns.

The AEP has two major outputs:

- (i) to organise life skills based co-curricular activities in all the secondary and higher secondary schools for at least 16 hours in an academic session; and
- (ii) to integrate adolescence education elements in school curriculum, teacher education courses and materials of adult literacy programmes.

According to information received by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which is the nodal organization for Adolescence Education Programme, State governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan are not implementing Adolescence Education Programme, and the State Government of Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra are reviewing the content of the programme.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Human Resource Development has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to review the AEP. The Committee has submitted its report which is under consideration of the Government.

(e): Under Adolescence Education Programme, various activities are conducted for students of Secondary and Higher Secondary stage to provide them opportunities to participate in learning experiences on individual basis as well as in groups. These activities are generally organized for boys and girls separately, with a male teacher for the group of boys and a female teacher for the group of girls.